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SUBJECT: RVN DELEGATION TO APRIL IPU MEETING IN BUCHAREST

1. FOUR RVN LEGISLATORS WILL ATTEND THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) MEETING IN BUCHAREST NEXT MONTH. THEY ARE:
SENATOR LE VAN DONG (DELEGATION HEAD)
SENATOR CAO VAN TUONG
SENATOR NGO KHAC TINH
DEPUTY NGUYEN VAN THUAN.
IN ADDITION, MR. LE CONG THANH, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF THE LOWER HOUSE, WILL BE PRESENT AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DELEGATION. THE RVN DELEGATES PLAN TO ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST BETWEEN APRIL 12 AND 14.

2. ALL FOUR LEGISLATORS ARE PRO-ADMINISTRATION IN INTERNAL POLITICS. THEY WILL DEFEND THE RVN RECORD STRONGLY. BECAUSE THE MEETING IS IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, THEY EXPECT MINOR HARRASSMENTS (FOR EXAMPLE, FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE STUDENTS THEY BELIEVE PRESENT IN BUCHAREST), BUT ANTICIPATE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED SOME APPREHENSION, HOWEVER, AND HAVE ASKED US FOR OUR OPINION. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT WE EXPECT THAT THE GOVT OF ROMANIA, DESPITE ITS IDEOLOGICAL PREDILECTIONS, CAN AND WILL ENSURE THAT THE IPU CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, AND WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE DELEGATES FOR WHOM IT IS HOST FROM EMBARRASSMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE FROM EMB BUCHAREST FOR THE RVN DELEGATES ABOUT WHAT THEY MAY EXPECT IN THE WAY OF A
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RECEPTION. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT NUMBER OF NVN STUDENTS ARE IN BUCHAREST?

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3. THE DELEGATION'S CHIEF CONCERN IS THAT THE BULGARIANS AND CZECHS REPORTEDLY ARE PREPARING MEMORANDA FOR IPU DEBATE ON WORLDWIDE TORTURE OF PRISONERS. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATES ARE READING MATERIAL TO COUNTER THE ANTI-RVN PROPAGANDA THAT WILL PROBABLY APPEAR IN THESE DOCUMENTS.

4. BIO DATA ON THE FOUR RVN DELEGATES WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE CONTACT WITH THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AND WITH AMEMB BUCHAREST OFFICERS. MAY WE GIVE THEM THE NAME OF AN EMBOFF WITH WHOM THEY COULD MAINTAIN CONTACT? ALSO SOME INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE US IPU DELEGATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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